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From the core taken from the interval 11600'-11615' in EE-3A we can find the predominant fracture sets at this depth. Assuming the 2059 flow from EE-3A to EE-2 follows these fractures, a simple flow path geometry can be constructed. The length of the shortest possible path along these fractures is 1.7 times the straight line distance between 2059 injection interval in EE-3A and the 2032 injection interval in EE-2.

The fractures in the core can be divided into two sets: Set 1 dipping 65° towards S57W and Set 2 dipping 78° towards S10W. None of these fractures run directly from the 2059 injection interval to the 2032 injection interval. The simplest path available is to leave EE-3A on a fracture from one set and arrive at EE-2 on a fracture from the other set.

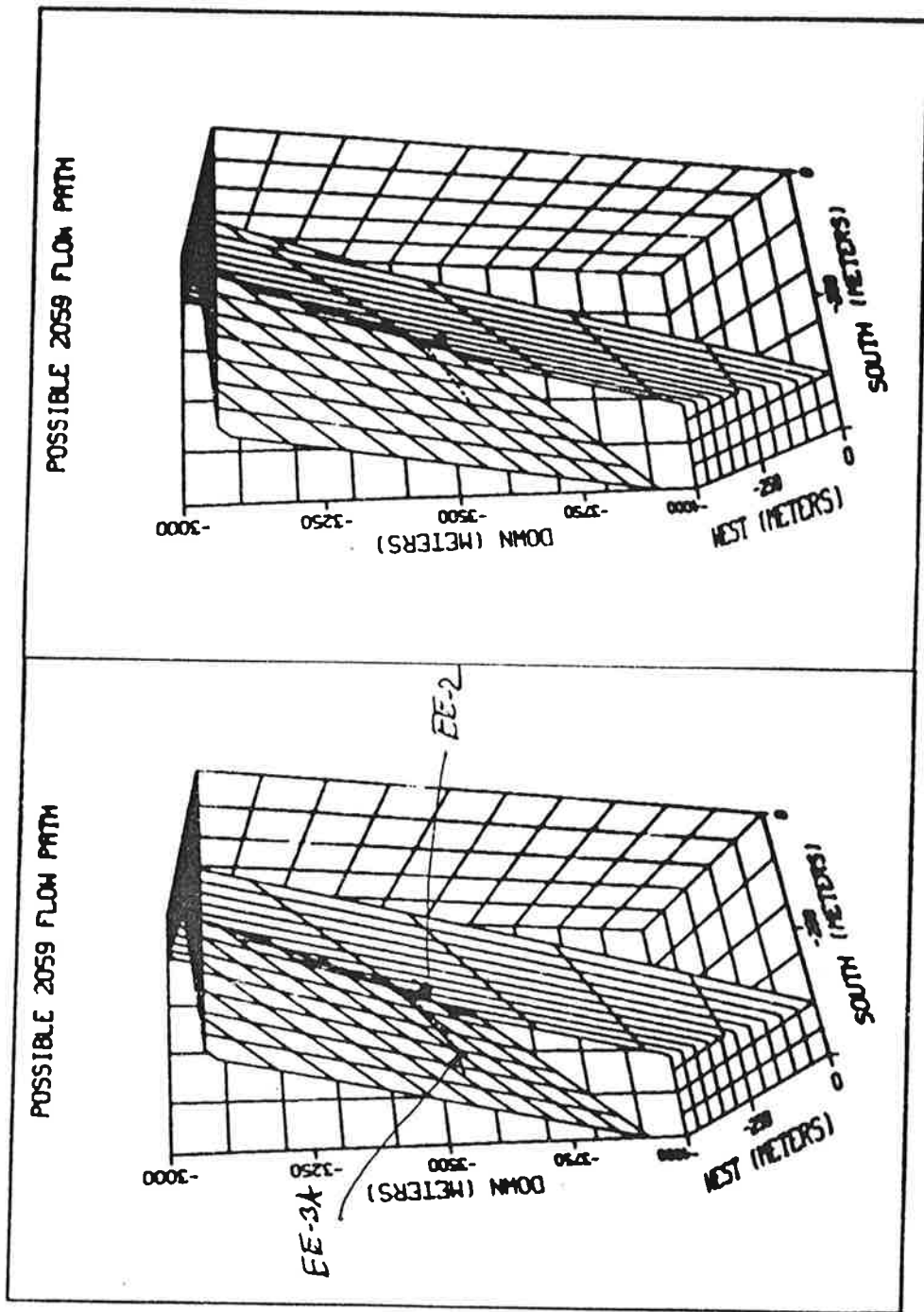
Figure 1 shows a stereopair in which flow leaves EE-3A on a fracture from Set 1 and arrives at EE-2 on fracture from Set 2. The view direction is from the southeast. Fig. 2 shows the same geometry from the southwest. EE-2 is located on the hidden plane in this diagram. The shortest possible flow path length following fractures is 278m or 1.7 times the direct line distance.

Fig. 3 shows the geometry where flow leaves EE-3A on Set 2 and arrives at EE-2 on Set 1. The view is from the northwest. Fig. 4 is the same geometry viewed from the southwest with EE-2 on the hidden plane. The shortest possible path is again 278m. In both geometries, about 200m the path is along Set 1 or NW-SE and about 77m is along Set 2 or E-W so it probably doesn't matter much which one chooses as most likely.

The available heat transfer area and fracture volume can be estimated from with the aid of Fig. 3 from Robinson's recent tracer memo (Bruce Robinson, "Tracer and Geochemistry Analysis - Expt. 2059", ESS-4-85-151, June 6, 1985). The one-sided area of a 280m diam. circle is about $6.1 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^2$. Going to Robinson's Fig. 3 gives an estimated reservoir volume of 300 m^3 . This is right in the middle of Robinson's 150 m^3 - 600 m^3 range of estimate, so this very simple flow path model has some merit.

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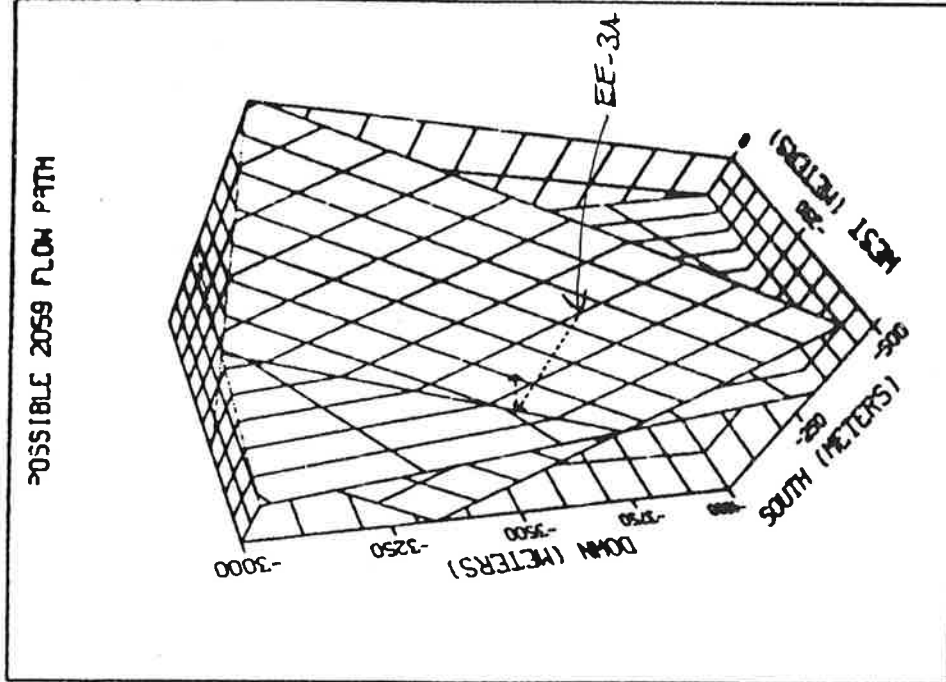
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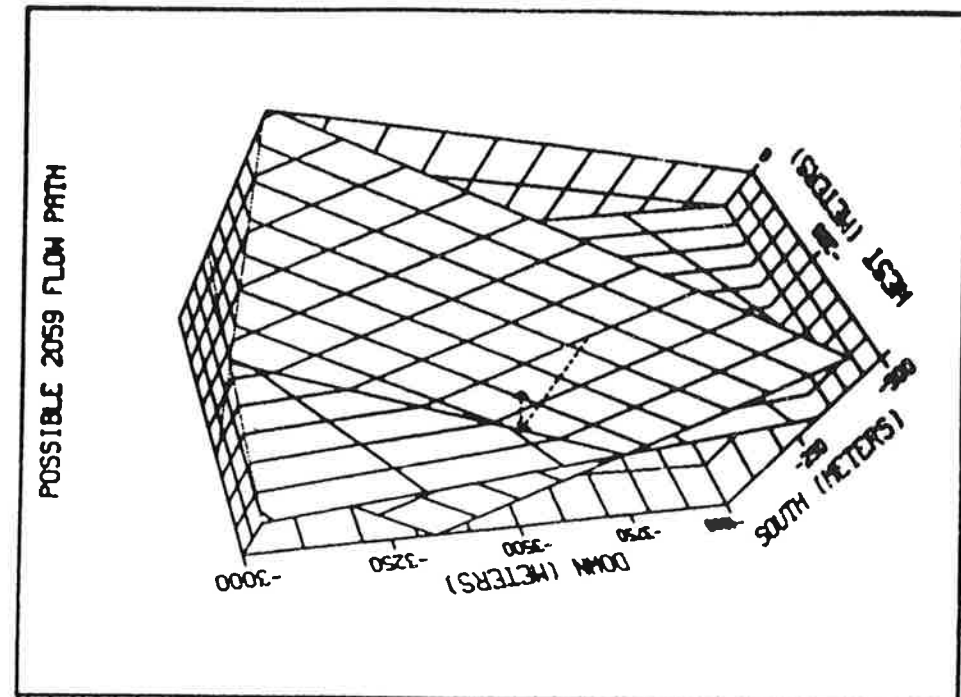
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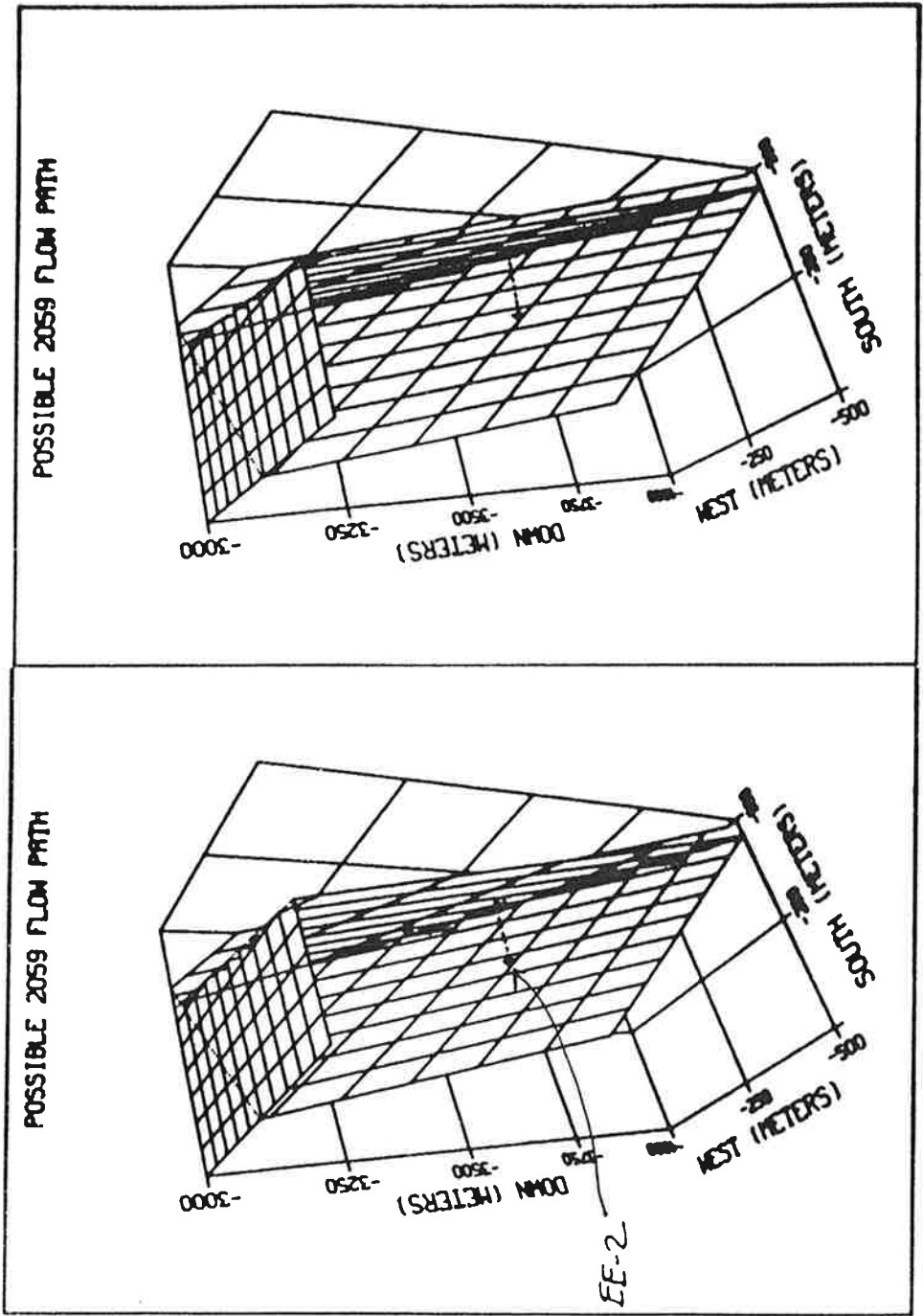
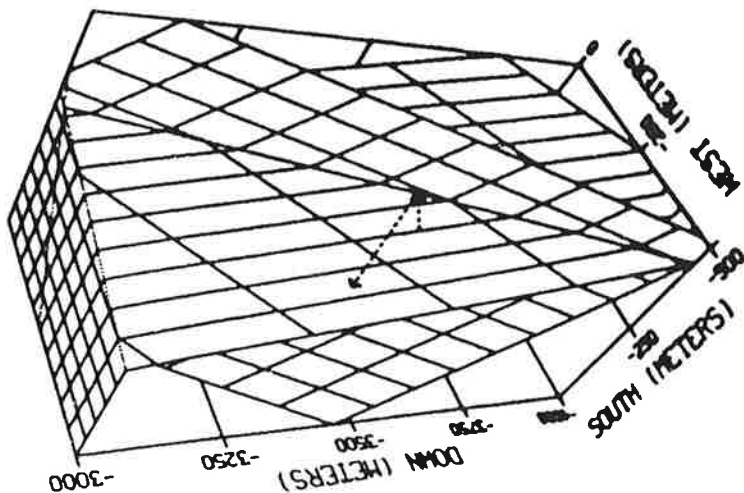


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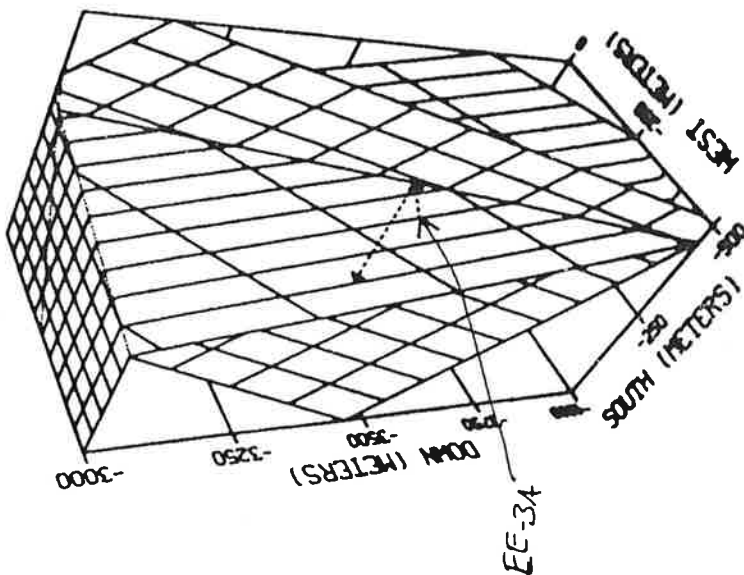


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